

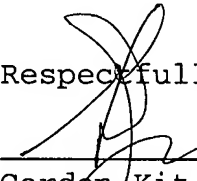
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert formal matter. Claims 1-17 have been cancelled and Claim 18 is being pursued as directed to non-elected Group II of Parent Application No. 09/890,825 (see the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) dated September 23, 2002). Hence, the amendments to the specification and cancellation of Claims 1-17 do not constitute new matter, and thus entry is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

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